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Dear Sirs:

I am writing you concerning the Memorandum of Understanding on the interstate distribution of compounded drug products. By prescription of my gynecologist, I use hormone replacement therapy products which I purchase through the mail from the Women's International Pharmacy in Madison, Wisconsin. I have chose this pharmacy because to the best of my knowledge, no pharmacy in my state of Iowa offers anything comparable. Their products are derived from soybeans rather than being chemically synthesized, they are available in topical creme form, and they are compounded specifically for me.

Although I am not familiar with the details of the MOU, I have been told that it could compromise my ability to purchase these products. As a typical American citizen, I am not pleased at the prospect of losing my freedom to purchase the products I prefer for maintenance of my health. I would much appreciate if anyone in your office would write and explain to me how this regulation benefits the American consumer.

Thank you for your information.

Sincerely,

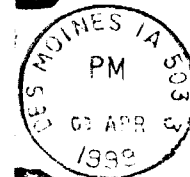

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